

Kentucky wins national title, beats Kansas

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NEW ORLEANS — Kentucky completed one of the more dominating NCAA Tournament runs in the proud program’s history Monday night by beating Kansas, 67-59, to claim its eighth national championship and the first for coach John Calipari.

“This is not about me,” Calipari told a national television audience upon accepting the championship trophy with his team in the Superdome. “This is about these 13 players. This is about the Big Blue Nation. I don’t know of any team that has sacrificed for each other like this team, and they deserve this moment. They really do.”

Ironically, Kentucky freshman forward Anthony Davis, who became only the fourth freshman voted the Final Four’s Most Outstanding Player, proved scoring was incidental to championship play. He didn’t make a basket until only 5:12 remained.

But Davis pulled down 16 rebounds, giving him 30 in the Final Four, which was the most since Akeem (now Hakeem) Olajuwon grabbed 40 in 1983.

Davis also blocked six shots, which moved his season total to 186, thus setting an NCAA record for freshmen.

When Kansas closed a nearly gamelong Kentucky lead to 65-59, Davis forced Kansas junior guard Elijah Johnson to throw up the ball and try to retrieve it rather than take a three-point shot. The walking call closed the deal.

Davis’ gritty production seemed ironic because Kansas came into the game hoping to out-tough Kentucky.

No doubt, the Jayhawks hoped the muscle and a tight score would work on Kentucky’s nerves.

When asked Sunday if the pressure was on Kentucky, Kansas coach Bill Self said of his counterpart, John Calipari, “Cal’s not going to say that. He’ll spin it his way. And we’ll spin it our way in our locker room. The favorite usually carries a little bit of extra burden. The favorite also means you have really good players, so I think the favorite role is worth a little bit of extra burden.”

Kansas, which rallied from 13 down to beat Ohio State University in Saturday’s national semifinals, staged one of its patented second-half comebacks. The Jayhawks reduced a one-time 18-point Kentucky lead to 62-57 with 1:37 left.

“They’re going to have to play their best game to beat us” Kansas senior guard Tyshawn Taylor said on Sunday.

Kentucky (38-2) wobbled. But the Cats showed again they could make the clutch plays.

Kentucky, which trailed for only nine minutes and eight seconds in six NCAA Tournament games, won the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1998. The eight titles leaves Kentucky trailing only UCLA, which has won 11.

Neither Davis nor Kansas junior forward Thomas Robinson, the first consensus All-Americans to meet in a title game since Duke’s Elton Brand and Connecticut’s Richard Hamilton in 1999, shot well.

Davis made only one of 10 shots. Robinson made six of 17 shots, while scoring 18 points and grabbing 16 rebounds.

As reflected in a 25-14 rebounding advantage, Kentucky showed plenty of toughness in the first half. The Cats added their signature transition offense to build a 41-27 halftime lead.

Although Kansas came into the championship game with a reputation for resilience and second-half comebacks, this was uncharted territory. It was the Jayhawks’ largest halftime deficit of the season. The previous high came in an 87-86 overtime victory over Missouri in which Kansas trailed 44-32 at intermission.

Kentucky took the lead for good on a jumper by freshman

guard Marquis Teague with 16:42 left.

The Cats steadily expanded the lead, which reached its first-half zenith at 18 points twice in the final 64 seconds of the half.

Kansas came into the game ranked second (to Kentucky) in field-goal defense. But Kentucky made 53.3 percent of its first-half shots.

Baskets by Kentucky sophomore guard Doron Lamb and freshman forward Michael Kidd-Gilchrist gave Kentucky its 18-point margins.

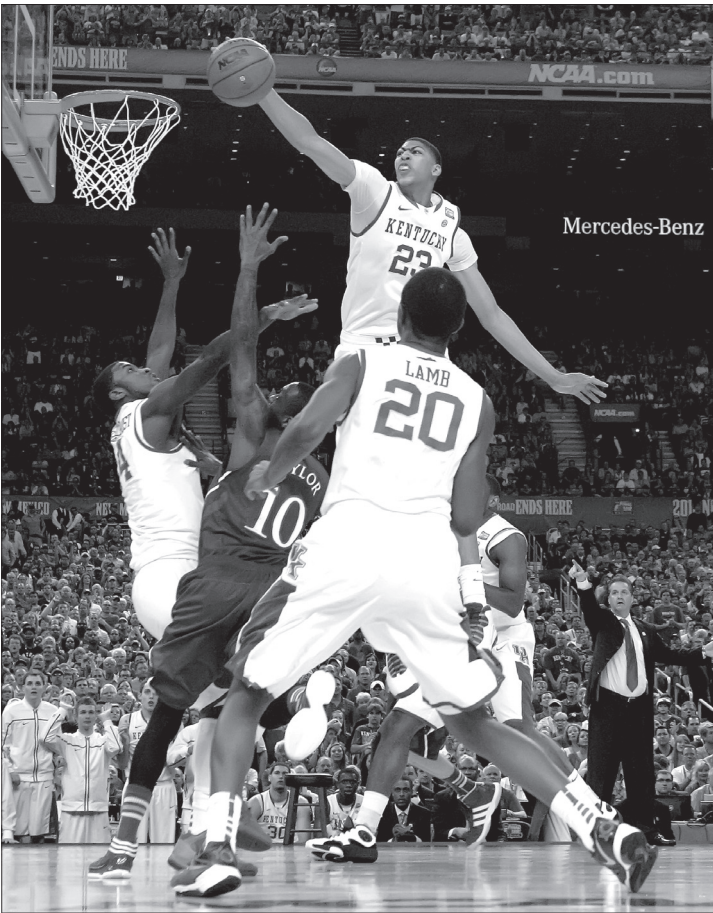
Kansas suffered when Robinson made only two of his first 10 shots, often missing badly. With Davis always lurking, Kentucky sophomore forward Terrence Jones defended Robinson.

Davis, who missed his only four shots of the half, blocked three shots. The third broke the NCAA season record for freshmen, which had been 182 by Marshall’s Hassan Whiteside in 2009-10. Davis got the record-breaker with help defense against a posting Robinson with eight minutes left.

Kidd-Gilchrist’s defense kept Taylor contained offensively.

But back-to-back baskets by Robinson and Taylor in the final minute reduced the Kentucky lead to 14 at halftime.

Kansas, which had outscored its previous four opponents 133-96 in the second half, closed



Kentucky forward Anthony Davis, 23, rises up to block a shot by Kansas guard Tyshawn Taylor, 10, in the NCAA Tournament finals on Monday in New Orleans, Louisiana. Photo by Rich Sugg / MCT

within 41-30 with 17:53 left.

A comeback stalled when Robinson rebounded a Davis miss, but lost the ball. That resulted in a Jones dunk, which put Kentucky ahead 46-40, and a Kansas timeout followed with 14:44 left.

Within the next minute, Kansas scored twice in transition, prompting a Kentucky timeout with 13:52 left.

Kansas got as close as 48-38.

Then after a TV timeout, Lamb hit three-pointers from the left corner and the right wing. That put Kentucky ahead 54-38 with 10 minutes left.

With victory seemingly secured, there was time for levity.

After Jones missed the first of two free throws with 6:02 left, making him 0-for-9 in two Final Fours, he made the second. Calipari staggered in mock horror.

Spartan seniors joined together to make their final season at SJSU memorable

by Alyxandra Goodwin
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The SJSU women’s basketball team’s five seniors came from very different walks of life but all shared the same response toward their time on the team — it was well worth it.

“I feel like this team has gone through so much that we appreciate a lot more,” said forward Brittany Johnson. “Even if it was just 11 games, but those were big 11 games.”

Johnson, a kinesiology major, has been with the program for the past two years.

She transferred from Independence Community College in Kansas.

Johnson was the Western Athletic Conference’s leading scorer and made first-team all WAC this season.

SJSU guard Palagi Atoe, who is from the Bay Area, went to Santa Rosa Junior College and has played for three years at SJSU since being recruited.

“It was mentally and physically exhausting from working so hard and losing constantly,” Atoe said about the team’s previous season. “Also, we’ve had a fair share of injuries that made it difficult.”

Monique Coble, also a guard for the team, said she has torn her ACL twice. The ACL is the anterior cruciate ligament and is one of the four major ligaments in the knee.

“I think freshman year from now I definitely learned a lot,” Coble said. “I think maturing wise and how I handled situations because of what I went through the first three years tearing my ACL and tearing it a second time and doing it right.”

Coble was recruited out of high school in Oceanside, Calif. by former SJSU head coach Pam DeCosta, along with the rest of the seniors.

The Spartans women’s basketball team got a new coach this past season, Tim La Kose, who came in from CSU Bakersfield.

“Coach La Kose was pretty simple and straight to the point in regards to his expectations of us,” Atoe said.

With La Kose as its coach, the women’s basketball team had 11 wins, which is the most number of wins since its 2005-2006 season, according to SJSU Athletics.

“We were pretty structured playing wise. We couldn’t really tell people’s playing styles,” Coble said. “With La Kose, we just got to play basketball. I learned about people. It was a different vibe all together especially when we started winning.”

SJSU guard Sara Plavjanin said playing at SJSU taught her a lot about other people as well as herself and it has made her a better person.

“I think since the environment my first year was challenging and with a losing season,” Plavjanin said. “We appreciated winning games and I’m really glad my senior year was like this. We all got closer.”

Post player Myesha Broaden played all four years with SJSU.

“The first couple of years here were some of my difficult years, but I feel like throughout I’ve learned to be a very strong person,” Broaden said. “When we go out in life, we’ll know how to overcome challenges. Especially this year, we learned how to appreciate winning and people.”

Broaden said her favorite moment was when the team

beat University of California, Berkeley — because they are one of the top teams in the nation — in 2009.

The seniors finished this season 11-19, with one of those wins being against Fresno State.

“My favorite moment was beating Fresno State this year on senior night,” Atoe said. “It was awesome. We had a lot of fans come out and support us. We made history that night.”

Plavjanin said beating Fresno State on senior night was also her favorite moment of the season.

“They were undefeated (in WAC play) and nobody expected us to win,” she said.

Atoe said this season has been her favorite with the team and that being at SJSU has been a blessing.

“I feel like we all got really close this year,” she said. “It feels like a family. This has probably been the closest we’ve been.”

Atoe, a global studies major, said she plans on going to Spain in the summer or fall to work with a charity organization after she graduates.

Johnson said she will take

what she learned here and use it in life after college.

“I have a tryout in Denver in 14 days,” she said. “I’m trying to get overseas and play, but of course I want to finish my degree and after that I want to be a nurse.”

Plavjanin is still deciding if she wants to play overseas and

is currently looking for an internship.

“(I want to help) researchers do psychology at Stanford,” she said. “My final plan is to do my masters.”

Coble, a journalism major, said she will be shadowing an anchor at NBC for an internship after graduation.

Broaden will be moving to Pennsylvania with her sister after she graduates.

“This experience has been worth it,” Atoe said. “We’ve been through hell and back. We’ve seen the good and the bad. (It has) kind of molded me into someone I thought I’d never become.”

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PROBATION: Limited to 15 units

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“You don’t want to overload them with excessive units,” she said.

Accounting major junior Ryan O’Carroll said he thinks the unit cap frees spaces for other students more likely to pass the class.

“I think that’s a good idea,” he said. “Most of the people on academic probation can’t handle 12 units.”

O’Carroll said he thinks a 14 or 15 unit cap is more reasonable.

Kato said if a student is requesting more than 15 units, she looks at their transcript to evaluate the student’s grade pattern or situation, then talks with them to understand why they want the extra units and if it is realistic for the student to carry more than 15 units.

“Usually I can get them to think about it long enough to convince them of why the policy exists and why they should re-think (requesting more than 15 units),” she said.

Kato said she wants students on academic probation to think about if the 15 units are worth possibly being disqualified from the school.

Students on academic probation are disqualified “if their corresponding fall or spring SJSU term GPA falls below a 2.0,” according to Academic Senate documents. “Freshmen on academic probation are allowed a second consecutive semester of probation if their term GPA is in the range of 1.50 to 1.99.”

Once students are disqualified, they can get reinstated into SJSU by raising their GPA through open university courses, said Jennifer Morazes, an educational counselor.

“Reinstatement and re-admission are the two processes that you need to address the situation,” she said. “Reinstatement is the overturning of your disqualification. It doesn’t mean that you’re allowed back to the university, it just means that you’re no longer disqualified ... You also have to be readmitted, so just like you applied on CSU Mentor, you have to go through the reapplication process again.”

If a student is disqualified from one CSU, they are disqualified from all CSUs, according to Morazes.

“You have to address your disqualification status before you could go to another CSU,” she said.

Kato said not only does the university have a GPA requirement, but some majors also have a minimum GPA.

Morazes said students can be on probation in their major but not with the university.

“Even though you might not be kicked out the university because you are over a 2.0,” she said, “your major might have a probation and disqualification system where you can be on probation and disqualified from your major then you would have to be undeclared.”

The students would then have to find a new major or raise their GPA to get accepted back into their original major, Morazes said.

Kato said it is important for students on probation to get a higher GPA the next semester because it can prove that the low GPA work is not the student’s usual work.

“The fact of the matter is we’re not doing our jobs if we allow them to put themselves in severe jeopardy,” she said.

ALCOHOL: Garages abused

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In a 2012 report by the Santa Clara Superior Court, a minor in possession of alcohol in a public area, including SJSU grounds, can be cited for \$1000.

However, alcohol consumption can be allowed on the campus at an event with an alcoholic beverage control license.

The licenses are obtained through the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control by an in-person application and includes different licenses ranging from temporary to off-sale, according to the department’s website.

Erik de Austria, a sophomore electrical engineering major, said he has concerns about seeing broken glass from alcoholic beverages in the parking garages at night.

“They could have the potential of damaging the car tires,” de Austria said.

De Austria doesn’t feel like the presence of homeless people, underage drinkers, or rowdy attendees is a significant issue.

“As long as they don’t talk to me and mind their business, I’m fine,” de Austria said.

In a March press conference, SJSU president Mohammad Qayoumi addressed the issue of campus safety, saying although the campus is a safe place, it could be safer.

“If anybody has any concerns about safety, we should always have that line of communication,” he said. “We do have a good line of communication with our public safety and I encourage those whether it’s in a group to meet with public safety and see how that fear can be alleviated.”

SHOOTING: Suspect a former student

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shooting outside,” breaking the glass on the door before moving on.

There were about 35 students inside the college at the time. Like Wangchuk’s wife, many locked doors when they heard the gunfire and screaming. This made it difficult for authorities to evacuate the school and to reach some victims, whose bodies blocked the doors, Jordan said.

“We had to force our way into some rooms,” he added.

The rampage unfolded on live television in the San Francisco Bay Area, which included aerial shots of SWAT officers moving through the campus in an industrial area near Oakland International Airport. The video showed officers carrying wounded people out and the grim scene of dead bodies covered by blankets.

Goh was arrested about two hours after the shooting in front of a Safeway supermarket in an Alameda shopping center a few miles away. Jordan said

Goh allegedly commandeered a car to get to the shopping center. Witnesses told KGO-TV that Goh told a supermarket security guard that he had shot several people and wanted to talk to the police. A Safeway spokeswoman declined comment, referring all questions to local police.

Police said they don’t know if the gunman was targeting specific victims or what the motive might be. It was unclear why he left the school, though some reports said he either dropped out or was expelled. It was not immediately clear how and why Goh had made his way into a classroom Monday.

The first word of trouble reached authorities shortly after 10:30 a.m., when a caller told emergency dispatchers of a woman bleeding on the ground outside the little-known college, police said. By the time the first officers arrived three minutes later, 911 lines were flooded with terrified calls from inside the school’s single-story brick building situated in

a light industry and business park.

Heavily armed police and rescue personnel swarmed the neighborhood. Specialized SWAT teams made entry into the school, where officers hurried many unharmed people to safety and carried victims outside.

Five people died at the scene. Two others died after being transported to hospitals. The three injured did not suffer life-threatening injuries, police said.

“Today was an unprecedented tragedy, shocking and senseless,” Jordan said at a news conference. “No words can express the gravity of this incident.”

Investigators had not yet interviewed Goh, nor formally charged him with the shooting. They offered little information about him, saying only that he was a naturalized citizen from Korea and did not appear to have a criminal past. He lived in Virginia before moving to Oakland.


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■REVIEW

‘Hunger Games’ puts up big box office numbers with fan frenzy

by Ashley Finden
Senior Staff writer

★★★★☆

After months of anticipation and commercials teasing fans of the series, “The Hunger Games” film blew every other film in theaters out of the water on its opening weekend, March 21.

The film raked in \$251 million since its release and is projected to bring in at least \$350 million, according to the Los Angeles Times.

The Hunger Games are a demented form of punishment and entertainment in a dystopian country named Panem, what used to be North America. It is where one unfortunate boy and girl from each of the 12 districts are chosen by lottery to fight in a dictated environment until death. Basically, it is a futuristic and more twisted version of gladiators from the Roman Empire.

Casting was done almost perfectly in comparison to my account of the book, with actors who filled each role so

well it is hard to imagine them played by anyone else.

Jennifer Lawrence did a superb job portraying the character of Katniss Everdeen.

I was happy to see that there is finally a strong female character that can stand on her own.

Lawrence was able to exude the strength of a warrior while hinting to her fears and vulnerabilities.

Josh Hutcherson plays pitiful Peeta Mellark perfectly. Both in the book and film, Mellark’s character is a naïve teenage boy who has the most severe crush that pushes him to the point of being pathetic and even weak to the viewers who may doubt his abilities.

Gale was played by the hunky Australian Liam Hemsworth — though you couldn’t hear any part of his accent as he played Katniss’ rugged best friend who emotionally suffers watching her during the Games as his feelings for her mature.

And of course, Woody Harrelson played the drunken Haymitch Abernathy. Harrelson was the perfect selection for this role, but I was disappointed that he was so sober. I expected his character to begin as a more obvious drunken mess who develops into an actual mentor for Lawrence and Hutcherson’s characters.

One of my favorite characters was Effie Trinket, played by Elizabeth Banks. She played the role of a high-society member from the Capitol and a guide to Katniss and Peeta to lead them through the games once they left their district. Banks was believable as a socialite who promotes the Hunger Games and the



Katniss Everdeen, left, played by Jennifer Lawrence, and Peeta Mellark, center, played by Josh Hutcherson prepare for the opening ceremonies in “The Hunger Games.” Photo courtesy of allmoviephoto.com

rules set by the Capitol. Her makeup was as perfect as the performance.

I was also shocked to see Lenny Kravitz have a major part in this movie, not as a musician, but as the calm and logical stylist, Cinna, and friend to Katniss. He succeeded as her stylist in the film and was a good actor.

Finally, there’s Rue. No one could have played this adorable character sweeter than Amandla Stenberg. Her performance truly reminds viewers of how young and innocent these victimized children are.

While it was slow at times, “The Hunger Games” does its

best to follow the first book of the series.

Themes from the book, such as exploitation, division of economic classes and political power, are displayed clearly in the film in a way that will satisfy most readers and captivate those who have yet to read the books.

I was disappointed that a few parts of the book were changed in the film, such as how Katniss actually received her Mockingjay pin, but it is inevitable and helped carry the movie.

Director Gary Ross and the screenplay writers, as well as Suzanne Collins who wrote

the books, were detailed with how they decided to replace certain parts and move the story along.

The film does a good job giving a feel of desperation and reality. It is obvious throughout the movie that people who live in the districts are under harsh and threatening control by the Capitol, the center of Panem and wealth.

It is also clear on how ridiculously ignorant the rich are in the movie — with all of the outrageous clothes, hair and makeup styles.

The fashion and styles were exemplified perfectly

and even better than I had envisioned myself.

Following the shaky camera can give some motion sickness, however. Even though the rapid camera movements symbolize an unstable society, I feel that a bit more steadiness would help the viewer take in more of the film.

Overall, “The Hunger Games” is harsh action film that I would recommend to someone looking for an original plot and splendid acting. Be sure to not take any one under the age of 13 to this movie, as it flirts with gruesome violence that may give nightmares.

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ACROSS

1 throat (painful ailment)

6 Short commoner?

10 Big name in small construction

14 Airport in "Home Alone"

15 Showgirl Manilow sang about

16 Bizet's "Habanera," for one

17 Exciting adventure

19 Old-fashioned pen points

20 Paul's brand, Newman's

21 Word with "grown" and "follow"

22 "Pinocchio" insect

24 Snail-mail system (Abbr)

25 "Don't use that ___ of voice with me!"

26 A company picnic could be one

31 Mess with someone's hair

32 Activate, as a bomb

33 Boy, as an adult

35 tiny quantities

36 Snaky character?

37 Egypt's capital

39 Also mention

40 Longtime

Down

41 Hair-setting item

42 A-list wannabe

46 Kachina doll carvers

47 1st and 2nd in NYC

48 Military newbie

51 Bachelor's digs

52 Lineman farthest from the center

55 Sound that's coming back?

56 One needing a fence?

59 Calla lily family

60 Small part of a fork

61 Caribbean cruise stop

62 Unsophisticated one

63 Citizen of Edinburgh

64 Like a car without a muffler

ACROSS

10 Surgeon's blade

11 "CHiPs" co-star

12 Mocking remark

13 Brewer's oven

18 Present for the teacher

23 Outs' counterparts

24 ___ Major (Big Dipper locale)

26 Imperative and subjunctive, e.g.

27 Achieve a personal best

28 101, in a course name

29 Nellie's "South Pacific" love

30 Harder to find

31 Maria (coffeemaker)

34 Easter starter?

36 Related to the earliest period of human

DOWN

37 culture

38 Stand-up kind of guy?

40 Altar attire

41 Ardent supporters of the Vatican

42 Be in competition with

43 Harley-Davidson trim

44 Letters from a short person?

45 Small flap on a garment

48 Something to fall back on

49 Beige-like shade

50 Minnow cousin

52 Case for pins and needles

53 Birds' beaks

54 Farmer's cart

57 Yoko who married Lennon

58 Away, idiomatically

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GOING UP? By Jill Pepper

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Justice must be served for Trayvon Martin



by
**Alyxandra
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In March the country was sent into uproar when a 17-year-old boy named Trayvon Martin was killed by an older man, George Zimmerman. Many took it personally, whether they knew Trayvon or not, because it touches on the country’s soft spots concerning topics such as racial profiling and hate crimes. Zimmerman was on patrol as the acting neighborhood watchman in a Florida neighborhood when he crossed paths with Martin. He felt Martin looked suspicious and called 9-1-1. Recordings from those moments have Zimmerman saying that Martin was reaching for something in his waistband and then was running away and after that Zimmerman proceeded to follow him. Witnesses say that there was a wrestling match between the two of them on the ground and called police. Zimmerman claimed that his head was beaten into the ground and Martin went for

Zimmerman’s gun, which resulted in Zimmerman shooting Martin. Martin was found dead at the scene with a pack of skittles and an iced tea in his hand — no weapons. George Zimmerman has not been arrested for this, however, due to Florida’s “stand your ground” law, which says that use of deadly force as self-defense is OK if there is a threat that does not seem like it will retreat. What about candy and a drink is so life-threatening? People are calling this a hate crime because Martin was young, black, wearing a hoodie and this negative stereotype is backing up the justification for his death. Zimmerman needs to be arrested, not only for justice but for his own safety. Change.org, an online organization that enables its users to create and sign petitions, created a petition calling for his arrest that gained 1.5 million signatures, while groups around the country protested, calling for the same. I don’t support violence, but I can see where this is headed if Zimmerman isn’t arrested and tried soon, as he will likely get what most feel is his karma in

ways much worse. The African-American community is in the spotlight because of this case. Not too long ago it was Oscar Grant in the Bay Area, and now a 17-year-old boy in Florida is killed, both cases fall under the suspicion of racial profiling. Being half-black and half-white has allowed me to grow up with a very different perspective on race relations, but it doesn’t make me an expert. My view on this case is that there was some racial profiling involved on Zimmerman’s end because Martin’s “look” has become so stereotyped and generalized in society, but I don’t think that should be the most important part of this case. The most important part is that someone was killed and someone else needs to take responsibility for the killing. There are homicides everyday in this country, and while, yes, some are more brutal than others, the principle is all the same — it’s wrong. The lines blur when the justification of taking a life is that it was in self-defense, and that is what is going to have the most impact on this case. Not only will that determine what happens to Zimmerman, but it will also determine what

happens next in our country as a whole. If it was an act of self-defense, then many voices that went into an uproar about this case will be silenced and if it turns out to be the opposite, those voices will only get louder. For Zimmerman’s sake, I hope it was an act of self-defense. I have plenty of conspiracy theories (that I won’t go into) as to why prejudices will never go away, and while the African-American community can use this case to address racial profiling and hate crimes, it won’t be cured. My fear is that this case will be blown into outrageous and negative proportions if Zimmerman is not arrested. People want justice for Martin for many reasons, most of them revolving around corruption and a systematic oppression of African-Americans, but the most important reason needs to be that he was someone’s son who was murdered. Nobody besides Martin and Zimmerman truly know what happened that day and if the crime was race-motivated or not, but what everybody does know is that Zimmerman needs to take responsibility for what he did.

Editorial: Extend King Library hours for student success

Do you feel your midterm results are lackluster? Do you feel disconnected to your material? Do you feel you need to study more? There is a beautiful edifice that stands great — the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library — that works as a place to prevent these problems from happening. We believe this resource is so great that we propose a change to the operating hours to keep a study area open 24 hours to promote student success. Keeping King Library open late at least through the school week, Sunday through Thursday, would extend and further promote the library’s positive qualities. As a neutral, distraction-free zone place to study and work collaboratively, students can complete the work that needs to get done. The current SJSU library extended hours keep the doors open for students until midnight five nights a week, but this is inadequate. Most night studying only happens during the last few weeks of the semester — unrealistic for when studying needs to happen. Why encourage this end-of-semester cramming when we are learning the entire term? Midterms, regular quizzes, exams and early finals, which are a major part of overall course grade for all disciplines, are completely neglected by the current schedule. Four other CSU libraries (San Francisco State, Sonoma State University, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and San Diego State), as well as two other major South Bay universities (Stanford University and Santa Clara University), host space for 24-hour study, offering a place for students to work late at night through the morning. If we choose to promote student success, we should model ourselves on the aforementioned campuses — we need to make ourselves better. This proposal also would work with other SJSU movements underway that promote campus life. If we hope to have a place where students want to be and want to contribute, we need to give them an actual venue to do so. At the very minimum, all we would need is a single floor to serve as a common study space kept open, with study rooms kept for discussions between groups.

The library proves to be a distraction-free place, great for group projects. It creates a neutral buffer zone, a spot to collaborate on school work outside of someone’s dorm or residence. Furthermore, the library’s environment promotes learning and use of academic materials. If all floors were open, additional books to use for reference are available. The 1.5 million volumes that the library houses should be available — let the students use the resources that are there. At the library’s opening at 8 a.m. on weekdays, there is often a group of people waiting outside to use the largest library building in the western United States built in a single construction project as a work space.

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It’s an epic structure of architectural wonder, and it can berth greatness beyond its current limited scope. Yes, to extend the hours would come with a cost, but it is worth changing the structure of this academic resource to promote student success. The cost would likely be minimal: the lights stay on nightly and the University Police Department is out on patrol. The overhead has been paid; the doors might as well be left open for students. Tower cards, the current method of verification used by campus police, would help keep King Library a secure common area for students. Finally, if the proposal goes through and is well promoted, students will be able to come and go as they please in a more easily accessible learning environment. As the cliché adage goes, “If they build it, they will come.”

Air travel shouldn’t hurt the environment



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I’m a traveler at heart, which is why I am in a constant state of agony. Other than the rising prices of airplane tickets, surprise luggage fees and unstable currency rates, there is another cost — to the environment. According to the European Commission, the European Union implemented the Emissions Trading System back in 2005 to increase the effort to reduce CO2 emissions and other climate change factors. If companies go over their allowed emissions limit, they get slapped by fines a la the government. Things have gotten a bit more complicated with European aviation companies officially being shoved into the system this year. There is a built-in loophole though — the system follows a “cap-and-trade” structure, meaning companies and organizations have “caps” on how much CO2 they can emit but have the limited ability to

“trade” for more allowances. This is usually done with the slippery effect that millions of dollars tend to have. Isn’t there a line somewhere about holes and sinking ships? James Albaugh, a chief executive of the aviation giant Boeing, has criticized the system, not on the grounds of its existence, but on its methodology. “I don’t think the European (Emissions Trading System) approach is the right one,” Albaugh said in an interview with Reuters last month. “We need to have a standstill on this and work with (UN aviation agency) ICAO and get some international rules in place that everyone can sign up to and ones that will drive us to make the investments we need to improve the efficiency of airplanes.” The ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organization) has backed about 25 countries — including the U.S., China and India — in opposition against the inclusion of aviation companies in the trading system. Part of the argument against the system currently stems from its reach toward non-EU companies. The system, as it is

now, affects any aviation company that has flights in and out of the EU, regardless of where the company is based. In regard to business and law, I am on the side of the ICAO and those 25 countries. In regard to the environment, I have to be on the side of the EU. I’m all for the rule of law and standards, but environmental issues don’t stop at the border. The environmental costs of transportation, by air or other means, aren’t going to stop anytime soon. In a world that has blueberries from Chile showing up in our local grocery stores and iPads from China “on sale” in Spain, it cannot be an issue limited to the European Union. We can say industries are run by greed and markets and what have you, but it is still managed by people. For a law to work, it has to not only be written, but also enforced. There needs to be a collective, international push to increase the efforts to deal with the global problem of climate change, and the EU has to be the bully to do the shoving?

But the Boeing executive made an important point about how the system overreaches. If we want to all be friends — or at least frenemies with less twitchy trigger fingers — in the playground, there are other factors at play that we all, not just the policymakers, need to be aware of. Multiple countries in the EU are having severe financial problems; Spain is cutting more than 25 billion euros (imagine that in U.S. dollars) from its annual budget; Portugal is bankrupt, and I don’t even want to go into the mess called Greece. In comparison, China and India, two countries who are fighting the trading system, are still growing in terms of GDP. It is no surprise that their governments and business leaders see the ETS as a blatant slap to their development. Unless someone builds an instantaneous transporter, no one, including myself, is giving up transport by airplane. But considering the U.S., who is still the biggest kid in the sand box, track record in helping with environmental issues and climate change, we’ll get that transporter first.



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Drug violence between U.S., Mexico dominates White House summit agenda

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WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama hosted the leaders of Mexico and Canada on Monday in a White House summit aimed at boosting the region’s growing economic ties, but the scourge of drug violence in Mexico muddled the message and highlighted friction between the neighbors.

Obama met with Mexican President Felipe Calderon and Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper, and the three announced an initiative to cut regulations that constrict trade across the northern and southern borders. But the drug war that has killed tens of thousands of people in Mexico dominated a Rose Garden news conference.

Calderon urged Obama to toughen U.S. gun laws, a politically touchy issue for the administration. The Mexican president blamed U.S. gun sales for fueling the violence, and he emphasized that drug cartels are not “strictly Mexican in nature.”

“They don’t have a nationality, and they don’t operate in just one country,” Calderon said.

Obama acknowledged that the United States is the world’s largest consumer of illicit drugs. Billions of dollars from towns across the U.S. wind up in the pockets of cartel kingpins each year.

“When you have innocent families and women and children being gunned down in the streets, that should be everybody’s problem, not just



President Barack Obama speaks with Prime Minister Stephen Harper, right, of Canada and President Felipe Calderon of Mexico at a joint press conference in the Rose Garden of the White House yesterday in Washington, DC. The three leaders met for the North American Leaders’ Summit (NALS). Photo by Olivier Douliery / MCT

(Mexico’s) problem,” Obama said.

It was Calderon’s final scheduled visit to the White House before his six-year term ends in November. Officials in Washington and Mexico City are eager to show relations are on firm ground as Mexico faces a political transition.

Still, the Mexican president was willing to challenge his U.S. counterpart. Calderon said the deadly increase in violence in Mexico coincided “almost exactly” with the expiration of a U.S. ban on production of assault weapons in 2004.

In the last four years, more than 140,000 weapons have been seized in Mexico, he said. Most were sold in the U.S. and most were assault weapons, he added.

“I know that if we don’t stop the traffic of weapons into Mexico, if we don’t have

mechanisms to forbid the sale of weapons such as we had in the ‘90s ... then we are never going to be able to stop the violence in Mexico or stop a future turning of those guns upon the U.S.,” Calderon said, speaking through an interpreter.

Obama has not prioritized efforts to tighten gun laws, in keeping with his party’s calculation that the issue alienates rural and Western voters. The president did not respond directly to Calderon’s comments, but he promised to “keep on partnering” with Mexico on security issues.

Congress has appropriated more than \$1 billion to buy equipment for the Mexican military and to train Mexican law enforcement and prosecutors to go after the cartels, among other programs that are part of a security co-

operation deal known as the Merida Initiative.

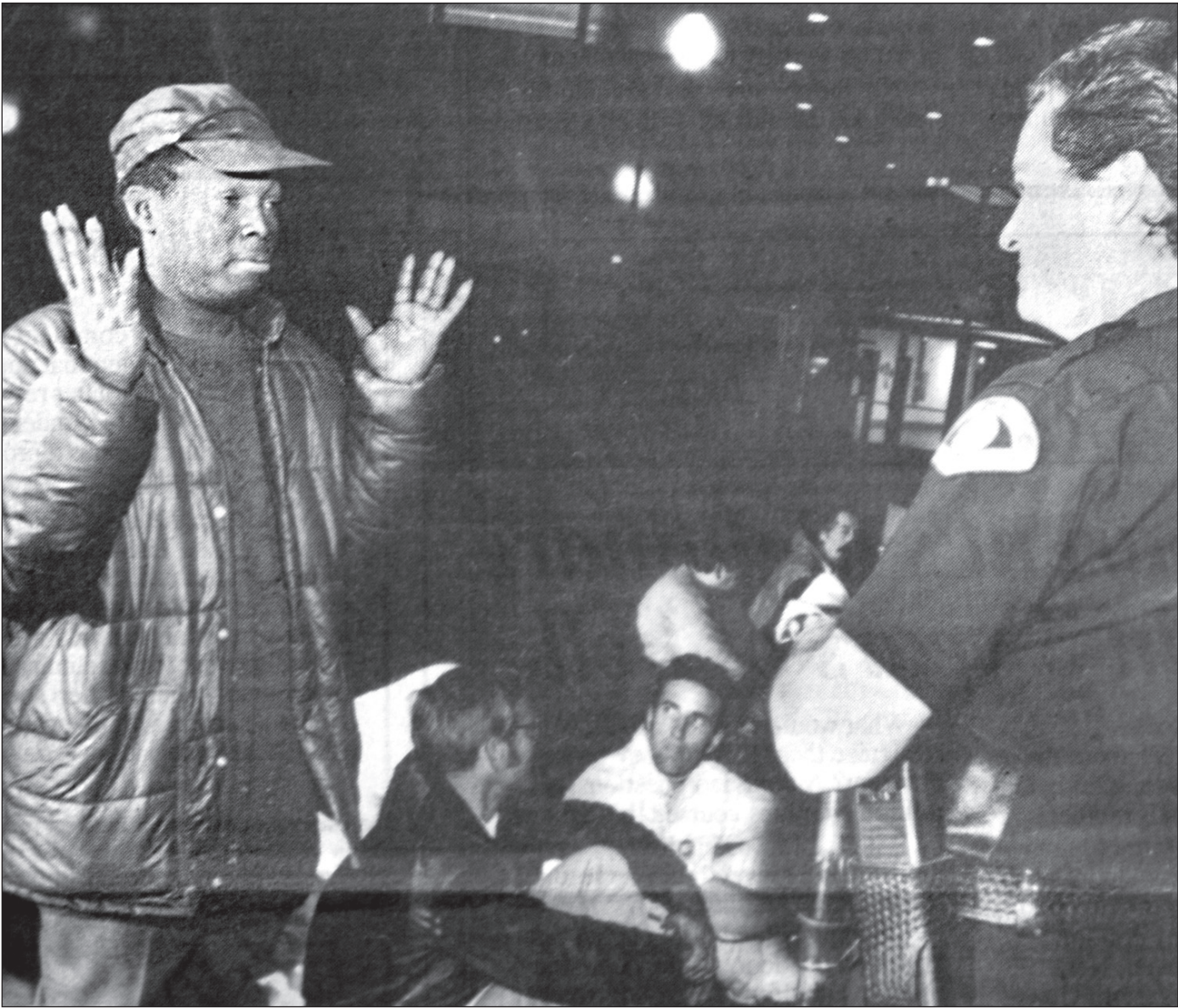
U.S. Treasury officials also have increased cooperation with financial investigators in Mexico in an effort to blacklist Mexican individuals and companies that help the cartels launder money.

“We recognize that we have a responsibility to reduce demand for drugs, that we have a responsibility to make sure that not only guns, but also bulk cash, isn’t flowing into Mexico,” Obama said.

Some U.S. officials have expressed concern that Mexico will curtail cooperation in the war on drugs after Calderon leaves office.

In recent months, U.S. officials have reached out to opposition political figures to stress the importance of the two governments working together.

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Above: When told that he would be arrested if he refused to leave, a homeless man known only as Darrell, just shrugs. Members of SHA choose to go to jail to protest San Jose’s treatment of the homeless after the City Council turned down a shelter proposal.

Photo by Scott Sady / Spartan Daily

Students, activists strike out against homelessness: During a town hall meeting on April 1, Rev. Frank Selkirk addressed dozens at First Union Church in San Jose to voice concerns over Gov. Pete Wilson’s proposed budget cuts and CSU fee increases. About 12 homeless people and homeless advocates were arrested in front of City Hall for failing to leave public property when requested by competent authority.

Department of Justice warns students: drug convictions can mean loss of loans: The Department of Justice embarked on a nationwide campaign to make college students more aware of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 and that they could lose all federal loans if convicted of drug violations.

SJSU men’s tennis takes the sting out of the Hornets: The Spartans defeated the Sacramento State Hornets to improve its record to 8-9. Brandon Coupe, who was currently ranked 29th in the nation, defeated Sacramento’s Mike Laracuenta 6-2, 6-0.

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Wednesday, April 4

Time Management & Stress Management Workshop

12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Clark Hall Room 116

Presented by the Peer Mentor Center

Thursday, April 5

Guest Speaker: Thomas Peele (Investigative Reporter and Author)

3 p.m.

MLK Library - Room 255-257

Presented by JMC Lecturer Larry Sokoloff

Thomas Peele will speak about his new book, Killing the Messenger: A Story of Radical Faith, Racism’s Backlash, and the Assassination of a Journalist, which is about the assassination of Chauncey Bailey, a 1972 SJSU alumnus.

Monday, April 9

SVCE Eminent Speaker Event

6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

ENG 189

Presented by the City of San Jose and SJSU’s Silicon Valley Center for Entrepreneurship

Speakers include Dr. Dick Swanson (founder and president emeritus of SunPower, Inc.)

Topic: “How academia stimulates entrepreneurship: the founding of SunPower”

Monday, April 9

Public Speaking & Powerpoint Presentations Workshop

12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Clark Hall Room 100H

Presented by the Peer Mentor Center

Tuesday, April 17

Benefit Concert for Africa

6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Tower Lawn

Presented by Spartans for Israel

Wednesday, April 18

Leadership Skills & How to Work in Groups Workshop

Wednesday, April 18

12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

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